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It was observed at the LAERZ (N 54/U 33) airfield that a seemingly new and black-shining runway extended in an E-W direction starting about 1,600 feet from the railroad line. A taxiway in bad condition ran along the western border of the field. One biplane and two single-engine mid-wing mono-planes were parked just south of the runway, about 3,300 feet from the railroad line. About 20 men divided into four groups worked with colored boards north of the runway. They presumably belonged to a surveying detail. A stone building at the airfield seemed to be gutted by fire.

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Comment:

The reported runway was not new but reconditioned. The reconditioning work was apparently not completed at the time of observation. An air unit was not stationed at the airfield.

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